



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020
50 Evergreen Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Director, Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Manager

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:38pm. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the November 21, 2019 minutes were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Tobacco Law Changes Update: Letters went out to retailers regarding the new changes; this information can be found online at mass.gov/newtobaccolaw. The regulation will also require that retailers post new signage from the Department of Public Health. These signs are available to download and print from the states website. Starting on June 1, 2020, any retailer who is in violation of tobacco regulations will be hit with a \$1,000 fine for first offense, \$2000 for second offense and 7 day suspension and \$5,000 for a third offense. Retailers as of June 1, 2020 will not be allowed to sell any flavored tobacco products including menthol. A short discussion followed.

ISD/Health Division Updates: Grease Trap Variance and Hood Vents Proposal tabled till next month.

Director Updates: All board members will stay on and Mr. Kress will put them in for reappointments. Later in the spring the Health & Human Services will conduct a live emergency drill. More information to follow in the upcoming months. HHAN will check for Dr. Green if they are able to get texts from the HHAN calls. We are in the process of applying for a grant for mental health services. Another grant called the Cummings Grant has been awarded for the next 4 years for 100,000. Received a grant for opioid prevention work with the homeless awarded in January. The city is still working on getting data from uses on how a supervised injection site would work in Somerville. The city also plans to visit Montreal to do a site visit on their injection site.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020 @ 5:30pm – 50 Evergreen Avenue

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Notice/Agenda, Sign-In Sheet, November 21, 2019 Minutes, Tobacco Law Changes Documents

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
January 14, 2020